

LESSON

1

PRACTICE WORKSHEET B

COPYMASTER

Predicting

Directions: Read each section of the story. Then write a prediction. As you read, check and revise each prediction you make.

Today, the different parts of the body all get along, but it wasn't always so. In ancient times, Head, Legs, and Arms were constantly squabbling. The only thing they agreed on was their dislike for Belly. They all agreed that Belly was lazy and cared only for the food they constantly had to find and feed him. After brooding about Belly's laziness, Head announced, "It's time to teach that lazy Belly a lesson!"

1. What do you predict Head will suggest doing to teach Belly a lesson? _____

"Belly won't like it," agreed Legs after hearing Head's plan, "but I'm with you. If I see some food lying around, I promise I won't walk toward it!"

Arms said, "I won't pick up any food or do any cooking. We'll teach that lazy Belly a thing or two!"

So all the body parts went on strike, refusing to work.

2. What do you predict will be the result of the strike? _____

After a few weeks of no food, Belly was grumbling. "I'm starving," he groaned.

The other body parts didn't really enjoy Belly's misery, though, for they were having problems too. Head felt dizzy all the time. Legs kept stumbling. And Arms was covered with sores from his shoulders to wrists.

At last, Head called a meeting of the body parts. "Even though Belly seems useless," Head explained, "he must have a purpose. Otherwise, starving him wouldn't make us feel so poorly. Therefore, I have a suggestion to make.

3. What do you predict Head will suggest to the other body parts? _____